non-captive coal mining by the private sector. Necessary action in the matter may be taken after the Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Bill, 2000 is enacted by the Parliament.

(e) Question does not arise.

CIL agreement with ONGC for commercial exploitation of CBM

1806. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal India Limited has made any agreement with ONGC for commercial exploitation of Coal Bed Methane in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any of the block from WCL has been chosen for development of CBM under this agreement;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Two blocks have been awarded to CIL-ONGC consortium on nomination basis. These two blocks are—Raniganj (about 356 Sq. KM) in the State of West Bengal and Jharia (about 85 Sq. KM) in the State of Jharkhand Coal. India Limited has signed a contract for the same along with ONGC with Government of India on 6/2/2003.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

(e) WCL blocks have not been considered for awarding to CIL-ONGC on nomination basis.

Steps to tackle Pak-trained terrorists

1807. MISS MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that documents seized from Pak-trained

terrorists in J & K showed that they are trained in creating chemical weapons and using poisons for mass destruction; and

(b) if so, the details of the discoveries made and the action-plan of Government to control this ill-conceived plan of Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No credible or corroborated intelligence inputs are available which indicate that Pakistan-trained terrorists operating in Jammu & Kashmir have weapons of mass destruction.

(b) The Government continues to monitor all developments and remains fully committed to take all necessary steps to effectively safeguard India's security and national interests.

Defence agreements

1808. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the agreements signed with various countries for the past two years;

(b) how would the same enhance our defence capabilities;

(c) the amount involved in these agreements; and

(d) the steps taken by the Ministry to monitor such agreements?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (d) Defence agreements with foreign countries are classified secret documents and details in this regard cannot be divulged in the national interest.

Golden Jubilee Year of BEL

1809. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of employees including officers working in Bharat Electronics Limited, Bangalore;